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Veteran Correctional Officer Killed While Off-Duty in Baltimore

TOWSON, MD (May 25, 2007)---Lt. Perry Brooks, a 23-year veteran correctional officer who has worked in both the State prison system and in the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center, was found dead early this morning in a car in northeast Baltimore. Baltimore City Police consider his death a homicide.

Lt. Brooks began his career in the Pre-Release System of the Maryland Division of Correction in 1984. He worked at Brock Bridge Correctional Facility in Jessup and Central Laundry Facility in Sykesville. In 1997, Mr. Brooks transferred to the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, another DPSCS agency which operates the Central Booking and Intake and men's and women's detention centers in Baltimore City. Most recently, Lt. Brooks has been a supervisor on the "B" shift at Central Booking.

"The Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center has lost one of its most well-liked and professional officers," says Major David Becketts, Lt. Brooks' Central Booking colleague and supervisor. "Lt. Brooks exemplified the model correctional officer. He rarely complained, and went about his duties with diligence and vigor to get the job done and make sure his staff was safe."

The Division of Pretrial Detention and Services has made crisis counselors available to its staff, and is assisting Baltimore Police Homicide Division by distributing Lt. Brooks' photo to media outlets. Anyone with information on Lt. Brooks' death is urged to call Baltimore City Police at 410-396-2100 or Metro Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-866-7Lockup.

Note: Funeral information and a photo of Lt. Brooks is on the following page.



The viewing, wake, and funeral for Lt. Brooks will all be held at:

Vaughn Greene Funeral Home
8728 Liberty Road
Randallstown, Md. 21133

Viewing:
Wednesday, May 30
2 p.m.--8 p.m.

Wake:
Thursday, May 31
10 a.m.

Funeral:
Thursday, May 31
11 a.m.

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